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THE font in the church of the Madeleine, Paris, is of white marble, with a bronze plinth, and is represented by the accompanying engraving, from a drawing made expressly for our pages, by M. Morainville. It is octagonal in form, 5 feet in diameter, and is supported on a pedestal, ornamented with dolphins. It is surmounted by an urn supported by four angels in attitude of prayer. The total height is 5 feet; the height of the font 3 feet 4 inches.

SOUTH STONEHAM UNION COMPETITION.—The guardians have selected the plans of Mr. Henman, architect, of Clifford's-Inn, London, to whom they have awarded the premium of 60*l.*

BUILDERS' APPRENTICES.

MORRISON *v.* WRIGHT.

THIS was an action, in the Lambeth County Court, to recover the sum of 20*l.*, portion of apprentice fee. The defendant was a builder in Holland-road, Brixton. In June, last year, the defendant became bankrupt. At that time he had several apprentices, one of whom was the son of the plaintiff. As he could not carry on business on his own account, his certificate being suspended, he acted as journeyman to Messrs. Roberts and Roby, auctioneers, &c., who had taken to the buildings, and found the work. For the plaintiff it was contended that this was not "teaching and instructing" within the meaning of the indenture. For the defendant it was urged that the usual words, "or cause to be taught and instructed," justified the placing the boy out. His Honour (Mr. Chilton) said they did not: an apprentice could not be let out for hire in that manner: he might be taught under the master's eye, or under the master's men, but could not legally be put under another, unless the indenture was properly assigned, but in this case the defendant had, after his bankruptcy, refused to take the boy back—that, therefore, was a breach of covenant against which no plea of bankruptcy would, in his opinion, be a bar to the action. The lad had been apprenticed for five years, and only served one—the whole of the fee was 30*l.*, and he thought that 25*l.* would be a fair return, but as he only had power to award 20*l.*, he should give a verdict for that amount, to be paid at 1*l.* per week.

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